Disinvestment of NALCO

†3577. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for capital disinvestment from Orissa based profit earning National Aluminium Company is still pending with Government; and

(b) whether his Ministry considers this kind of capital disinvestment proposal justified, and if not, the details of the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) The capital disinvestment decision in National Aluminum Company Limited, was one of the four disinvestment decision, which was put on hold on 6th July, 2006, pending further review. The said review is yet to be completed.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

Closure of 120 Centrally Sponsored Schemes

3578. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that his Ministry is planning to close down about 120 Centrally sponsored schemes in the coming Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details of schemes, Ministry-wise;

(c) whether Government have taken any measures for relocation of manpower because of closure of the schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) No, Sir, There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present. Schemes are discontinued on the basis of Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB) exercise. The primary purpose of ZBB exercise is to ensure convergence, efficiency and efficacy of schemes according to Plan objectives and priorities and also

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